

has been for many years the scene of numerous processions and pilgrimages.

The Martyrs of Gorcum were beatified by Pope Clement X on November 24, 1675. Two centuries later, June 29, 1867, amidst the festivities commemorating the eighteenth centenary of the deaths of Sts. Peter and Paul, at which cardinals and bishops from all parts of the world were present, Pius IX placed their names on the catalogue of the saints. Their feast is observed on July 9, the anniversary of their martyrdom.

—Boniface Stratemeier, O. P.

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### QUEEN OF PEACE

A heavenly peace enraptur'd Thee  
That blessed Christmas morn,  
Whilst Angel choirs sang joyfully—  
For Christ the Lord was born.

Nor didst the Prophet's darkest cloud  
With sorrow fill thy sky;  
No earthly fears thy soul enshroud—  
Thy peace was ne'er to die.

Thy life was true tranquillity  
With Jesus by thy side;  
In tears of pure humility,  
Thou mourn'd Him crucified.

A twofold peace was thine to taste  
Alone, thou favor'd one,  
Fairest of all virgins chaste—  
Mother of God's own Son.

O Queen of peace, in thee we place  
Our fondest hopes for life,  
Assist us here, a hapless race,  
To check war's bloody strife.

—Reginald Hughes, O. P.